

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 10, 12 and 17 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 8, 11 and 13 are amended herein to incorporate the limitations of their respective allowable dependent claims 10, 12 and 17. Claims 10, 12 and 17 are cancelled. Therefore, claims 8, 11 and 13 and their respective dependent claims 9 and 14-16 are patentable for the same reasons as claims 10, 12 and 17 as indicated by the Examiner.

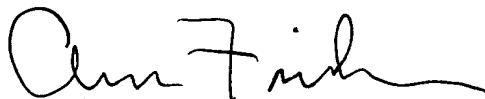
In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 31767.

Respectfully submitted,

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